The SABLE By, HORACE

er is in the room. ecomes seriously back. The third basis on Cameron's leed threats again Evelyn takes the letters to an expert in Chinese literature, who pronounces them of Chinese citien. Clyde seeks assistance from a Chinese fellow college student, who recommends him to Yup Sing, most prominent Chineman, in New York Civile goes to need Yup Sing, seek Johnson, at tempts to follow him, falls into a basement, spraing his ankle and becomes unconscious. Clyde is found by Miss Clement, a missionary among the Chinese. He is sick several slays as a result of inhabing charceal fumes. Evelyn tells Clyde of a peculiarly acting anesthetic which renders a person temporarily unconscious. Murphy is discovered to have mysterious relations with the Chinese. Miss Clement from the control of the control of the chinese of the chinese to get information about Cameron. Siump the Crystal Consolidated, of which Cameron is the head, is caused by a rumor of Cameron's filness. Clyde finds Cameron on Fifth avenue in a dazed and emaciated condition and takes him home. Cameron awakes from a long sleep and speaks in Cameron on Fifth avenue in emaclated condition and take Cameron awakes from a lo speaks in a strange tongue, clares the man is not her u and Clyde call on Miss Clemet lead information and find the man who was to give it is murdered. Miss Clement is mote asking him to read leaves the mission and the Italia of the abduction of by China. The man is accused of "Sable Lorcha" in which were killed. The appearance of the man they supposed the Chinas throws constitute the Chinas throws constitute of the man throws constitute the China throws constitute of the man throws constitute of the man throws constitute of the man throws constitute China throws constitute of the man throws constitute of the china throws constitute of the win Lorcha," in which a deliberately sent to the Denaid M Nish, whom Cameron They declarabe literature that Cammark. The nurse is call acribes a tatton mark carm. Clyde goes to finds the patient attemptier. It is addressed to The letter is from the Scotland and identifies M Nish. Confronted by of the Sable Lorcha."

"Why didn't you explain, dear, to the captain?" Evelyn asked, with one of those bursts of naivette that contrasted so charmingly with her usually abounding good judgment.

Cameron smiled. "I couldn't get near the captain, my child," he returned, indulgently. "It wasn't be-cause I didn't try. The officers ridiculed my assertions as pipe dreams, and when, at each port, I pleaded to be allowed to communicate with our consul, ? was only kept under stricter

And so his story continued, interrupted at intervals by questions from one or another of us, until we had the whole wretched tale of cruelty, including the final chapter which preceded the rescue.

When he learned that every stoker and trimmer, save himself, had been ordered on deck, still hoping against hope that the outside world had at length been moved to intercession in his behalf, he demanded to be allowed to go with the rest. And when his demand was refused he rebelled, fighting his way to liberty with an iron bar from a cinder-tub, which he had purposely concealed for such emer-

I have no inclination to test patience. by detailing all the events and recording all the dialogue of that happy day. Much that happened and much that was said I must leave to the imagina-

Our homeward voyage, which all trial of his assailant,

that exhausted our powers of expres- | clusive something in Cameron's man-

Evelyn begged me to be permitted comprehend or explain. to kiss him good-bye, but there I was that moment, been so lavish that I felt this young Englishman, notwithstandinestimable service he had rendered. and that was precisely what I told her, when on the first evening out, she had demanded to know my reasons for re-

"You're a very selfish man," she retoried, with a pout. "And I'm not at all sure, now, that I shall ever kiss you again. Hesides-" And there she

We had reached the after end of the deck in our post-dinner promenade, and had paused there, leaning on the raff, to watch the phosphorescent gleam and glitter among the turbulent white wake-waters. Cameron and Dr. Addison were talking over their cigars in steamer chairs amidships, and the girl and I were alone together for the first time since her uncle's restoration.

"Besides?" I repeated, questioningly. The big blue eyes she turned to me were never more roguish.

"Besides," she said, low-volced and with a just perceptible quiver, "until you keep your promise, I don't see that you have any right to dictate to me.

I knew very well what she meant. Ever since Cameron had come running backward around that deck-house corner-I think even at the minute I recognized his naked, smut-covered shoulders-I had had that promise in mind, and had longed for the moment of its fulfilment. But till now not even the briefest opportunity had offered. Nevertheless, her present mood was too entirely winsomely lovable to be neglected, and the impulse to prolong it by tensing too strong for resistance.

"Keep my promise?" I queried, mincling with assumed perplexity a certain suggestion of injury. "Have I ever failed you in anything?"

the eclipse of the eyes I loved left me suddenly repentant; still I persisted. "Have I ever failed you?" I asked

Quickly her gaze came back, and her yes had taken something of the cold, snapping fire of the phosphorus.

"Since you don't remember." said, "it's of no consequence, Only you were so sure that you couldn't for-

"Give me a hint," I begged, still ruel. "When did I promise?" "I couldn't be so unmaidenly," was

her retort, looking away again. "Was it before we came over here,

"Before," after a pause. "Long before?

Where? At your house?"

"In the library?" I asked, with a glance behind for possible intruders. She turned quickly and found me laughing.

"Oh, you dear, silly, lovable, delightful child!" I cried, and the echo of my words was carried far astern, as ly arms went about her and held her lose, and my kisses fell thick and fast on her ripe, tender little mouth.

"What need had I to keep such a promise?" I asked, when in mercy I sused that she might get her breath. Why should I ask you to tell me that you loved me, when I could read it in etters as long as your glances and as bright as your smile?"

And if we left Cameron and Dr. Adison much alone together during our omeward voyage, who that still remembers their own happy days of young love dreaming can blame us?

For a long while there remained in my mind as legacy from the strange case of Cameron and the Sable Lorcha conspiracy a seemingly insoluble prob lem. On our return to America, my friend, in spite of all my urging, re fused, with stubborn persistency, it seemed to me, to aid in the prosecution of those who, we know positively, were implicated in the affair. Concerning Murphy, Yup Sing and a score or more of their satellites we could have produced evidence of the tion of those that read. But I cannot most damaging character. But Camerrefrain from the statement that Cam- on was not so minded. He even went crun's meeting and reconciliation with so far as to discourage my appearhis old friend for Addison was one ance against the former for complicity of the brightest spots in a delectable in the plot to take captive Evelyn and constellation. The mosting between myself on the night of our Pell street Evelyn and her uncle was an oplande, when Indeed I have niways believed too, to touch the sepaibility of the that through O'Hara he was instrumost anotheric. And if there had line mental in securing Murphy's release gered a single doubt as to the wisdom And I know for a fact that he proor expediency of accepting their com- vided an a terously for the young punjouship on my expedition of rescue Preach driver of the electric broughis must have been dispelled by the sun who was so hadly injured in that smotional thrill which these acones Pell street adventure, that the fellow parasites that normally pass a part a fine reception they gave me there."

of us were anxious should not be de- All these things, I say, continued layed, was by way of Naples. Hartley, to puzzle and disquiet me, long after who appeared to be able to go and the sharp edges of tancorous rememat far, and our farewells to him, on variably at such times there would re- lon eyster. As the result of tritts- defend moself, mind ye, the filarney

ner which I was never quite able to

"McNish," he echoed.

lad, and my father, who in the mean-

had been dead a twelvemonth."

that he was still alive?"

"And your father believed it?"

"No," was Cameron's answer.

marked resemblance gathering me in-

to the net spread for him. I should

Clyde," he added, "ever since I learn-

ed of his having been there, in town, I

have been wondering. Do you think

it possible that he ever realized that

"Hardly," I said. "It doesn't seem

likely, though; unless the name and

he was in his brother's house?"

waving a hushing hand at me.

"Yes, yes," he said, "I've argued it

all out in just the same way, dear

friend. And yet we never can be cer-

tain, can we? Only I have thought, if

he might have realized it, and have

been able to have played the part, and

stayed, and taken up my life and lived

it for the rest of his, I might have

gone on and taken his punishment to

some purpose. For I have had more

than my share of the good things

Clyde, and maybe if poor little Donnie

had had even half my chances, it

would all have been so very, very dif-

He still thought of him as the child

brother he had parted from long

years ago in Scotland, and as such he

would ever remember him. I was glad

had tried to draw for him the differ

with the lamp of true greatness alight

veled that I could even have seen a

vestige of likeness in the brutal, soul-

And then, for the first time, too, I

less face of his twin brother.

really understood.

"Oh, yes, for they returned the back

"Afterwards, though, you learned

Nish.

kiddle."

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The true interpretation was reforced to draw the line. Her caresses served for the night preceding my I thought of the letter from McNish's in my own direction had not, up to marriage with Evelyn, which, by the mother, way, had, at her guardian's wish, been I could spare any of them, even for delayed for nearly a year because of what he chose to regard as her un- live amongst neighbors, and eventuing my abundant appreciation of the seemly youth. The celebration was to ally, my father and the rest of us take place at Cragholt and the house intimate friends, including most of the wedding party.

It was after midnight, and Cameron and I were alone together in his mabogany and green study; he at his writing table and I in the same adjacent leather chair in which I had sat t twelvementh ago while listening to the story of the incised portrait.

As was not unusual we had reverted o that time and to certain of the incidents therewith connected; and I had been trying to make clear to Cameron, as I had already frequently tried to do, the peculiar difference between McNish's expression and his.

"In individual feature," I said, warming to my subject, "there never was in all the world before, I believe, such similarity. And in repose, the ensemble, I should say, was equally iden-

tical. But when it came to-And there Cameron checked me.

"Clyde," and his tone was strangely grave, it seemed to me, "you'll pardon my interrupting you, I know, I understand what you would say, probably better than I could from your put ting it into words. And I want to tell you why I understand. Indeed I've wanted to tell you for a long while, but whenever I've got to the verge of it, I have balked." He paused here to shake the ash

from his cigar, reaching across his desk for a receptacle, and somehow the gesture reminded me of that of McNish as he had thrown out his arm which held the letter, and so exposed the telltale tattooing.

"I have never told you, Clyde," he resumed, his eyes turned on the glowing tobacco ember which he had just bared, "anything about my birth or my She turned away now, silently, and family. But now that you are to become one of us, in a way, it's only fair that you should know; for though Evelyn's mother was but my half-sister, still the girl gets the same blood through her grandsire."

"Yes," I said, "I know that. Evelyn told me that much. I know, too, that you were born in Scotland; and the very name of Cameron is a pretty good guarantee of family worth."

"My father belonged to a rather poor branch," he confessed, "and like many poor men he had a large number of hildren. There were ten, all told, and when my poor mother died, it be came a serious problem how to take care of us little ones. I was among the youngest, not over seven, and I then that he had stopped me when I

As he said this Cameron, who had ence in their faces. For it was such a been desultorily drawing figures on his difference! Looking at Cameron now writing pad with the end of a penholder, abruptly shot his gaze to mine behind those plain features, I marand caught the quick question of my

"Yes," he said, without change of tone, "yes, you see, now, don't you?" "McNish!" I murmured,



ferent."

Real Origin of the Pearl

Science Has Rudely Shattered Poetic the larva dies, its body is gradually idea That Has Been Held For Centuries.

For many centuries, even until comparatively recent times, it was the common belief that pearls were drops of dew that gained entrance into the shell of an oyster, and were there transpired into lustrous gems. Arab and Indian divers still believe that at certain seasons oysters come to the surface and suck in the rain-drops that later become pearls. Science, however, has rudely shattered this poetie fancy, and discovered the real origin to be a worm. Dr. Hugh M. smith gives some interesting infor-Geographic Magazine.

We now know that almost any for eign body-a grain of sand, a bit of mud or shell, a piece of scawced or

the pearl-oyster.

converted into carbonate of lime, and the pearly mass proceeds to grow with the shell.

If the larva lives, it may pass into the body of the strong-jawed triggerfishes which prey on the pearl-oysters, there undergoing further development Ultimately it reaches the body of the great rays, which in turn eat the trigger-fishes. In the rays the worms attain full development, and produce larvae that are cast into the sea and and lodgment in pearl-oysters. Thus the cycle is begun once more,

We may Sterally accept the saying of a celebrated French investigator. that "the most beautiful pearl is in mation on this subject in the National reality only the brilliant sarcophague of a worm."

Slarney.

Honest Parney McGuffey, the silvera small animal-may by its irritation longued crater of the Tenth precinct cause the moliusk to cover it with of the Twentieth ward, has just got nacre and make it the nucleus of a back. "I hear ye've been over to the pearl; but the largest part of the an- old country. Barney," said one of his nual pearl-crop of the world is due to admirers. "Sure and I have-and 'twas returned to France a mostle before the of their life-cycle within the shell of "And did ye go to Blarney castle?" "I did that " "But a foine orator like ve Minute spherical larvae of marine self would never need to kiss the Blarworms known as Cestodes become em- ney stone." "Well, that's what I bedded in the soft tissues, as many as thought, but no sooner had I got into come as he pleased, accompanied us brance had been worn away. And in forty having been found in one Cey the castle, and before I had time to the deck of the Koenig Albert, were our recollections of those early days tion, the cyster forms a protecting stone flung its arms shout me neck combined with a fervor of gratitude of the threatening letters and of that sac about the intruder, and then, if and klased me. -Kansas City Risk.





BAKING DAY.

Most housekeepers who have all of their own work to do, like to plan their work in such a way that no time "Donald Mowill be lost waiting for things, and each piece of work may fit in and fol-"But," I began, "I don't quite-" and low without waste of time.

If the bread is set or sponged at night it will be ready to mold into "Oh, it is clear enough," he went on, a large loaf the first thing in the Some of the children were put out to morning. Then in an hour or two it can be made into loaves and baked before upon. When making steamed came to this country. The others he brown bread, get it made and steamwas already filled with kinsfelk and left behind, promising to send each ing immediately after breakfast, then month the money for their keep. Don- it may be ready for the noon meal, ald he left with a couple named Mc after it has dried off in the oven for Nish, who had no bairns of their own, a half hour.

and when the boy grew to be a big Pietfer Neusse,-Mix and sift together one cup of sugar, two cups of time had been successful here and flour, half a tablespoonful of cinnamarried again, sent for him to come mon, a fourth of a tablespoonful of to America, word came back that he cloves, mace, nutmeg and a teaspoon of baking powder; add the grated rind of a lemon, a fourth of a cup of chopped citron and three beaten eggs. pay he had forwarded, and sent a lock Make in balls the size of a hickory of my brother's hair, I think, and a nut and bake on a buttered paper untrinket or two that had been his as a til a golden brown.

Raisin Brown Bread.-Take one cupful each of rye meal, granulated cornmeal, graham flour; add three-fourths of a teaspoonful of soda, one and a never heard. Had it not been for that half teaspoonfuls of salt, three-fourths of a cup of molasses, one and threefourths cups of milk or water and a probably never have known. And, cup of chopped raisins. Steam in baking powder cans well buttered for three hours.

If materials and utensils are close at hand in cooking, much time may thus be saved. Have plenty of the small and useful utensils that are used every minute in cooking within reach.

the-He must-Oh, certainly," I stumbled, "he must have realized that we Clean up as you go along, putting mistook him for-yes, for some one back the box of baking powder well named Cameron. He answered to it covered, as soon as it is used. Place readily enough; be even insisted that the spoons and small utensils, egg he was Cameron. And if his mind was beater and such things, in a bowl or clear enough to put two and two topitcher, pouring over cold water to gether, why, knowing that he had a soak them. When they are to be twin brother in America, it would washed they will be done in half the And there I stopped my floundering, for Cameron had risen to Clean wash dresses and aprons are his feet, and smiling, tolerantly, was

best for all kinds of housework, and especially for cooking.

F PANSIES with their dark,

to his choice. is the lesson that, from lowly Each tender, fragrant voice to us would teach?

Perchance, in tones like tinkling dewdrops What their lives tell, their velvet lips would say:

Forget life's trinls that are round thee And be the brightest in the darkest day."

CHEADER MEAT.

It is interesting to note the methods of serving meats and the variety of prices charged for the same cut. One feels that twenty-five cents a pound for calf's liver is almost prohibitive, yet we notice in other places it may be bought for ten to fifteen cents a pound.

One must study the home market, and by pricing the different cuts learn what the prices are for flank, chuck, shoulder piece, neck and round steak. Brisket and hock are used for stews and soup. Shank for stewing and soup, and four ribs which may be used roasting. By usin a small amount of meat, which gives flavor to the dish, one may cut the cost of meat. Hamturg steak or chicken mixed with macaroni and baked makes a good substantial dish with very little meat.

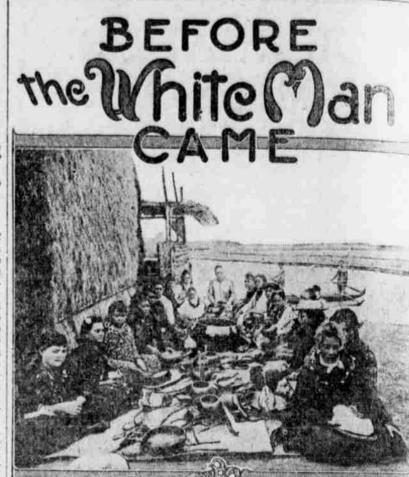
Beef Loaf.-Take two pounds of hamburg steak, mix with half a cup of crumbs, season with salt, pepper, onion juice; add two well beaten eggs, three tablespoonfuls of sweet cream. form into a loaf, place in a deep pan, fill the pan two-thirds full of boiling water, lay slices of bacon over the top, then put peeled potatoes into the pan and bake until the potatoes are done. Serve with the gravy in the pan slightly thickened.

If liver is reasonable in price, cook it, after parbolling in bacon fat or with a slice or two of bacon or salt pork. After frying, remove the bacon and liver, add a little flour and milk and water to make a nice smooth

Nellie Maxwell.

Bullock Ran Amuck.

Some excitement was caused in Wexford (Ireland) the other day, by the vagaries of a bullock, which ran amuck. The animal took refuge in the house of a man named Murphy and climbed the stairs and entered a bedroom. It demolished a large bed and other articles, and then took a "header" into the street twelve or fourteen feet below, bringing with it the window frame and sashes. It escaped into the harbor, and swam about for a considerable time before it was cap tured by means of boats.



A NATIVE TEAST

-this wedding equaled, to the Ha-

large measure the future fate of his

instrument of the gods themselves.

comes to seek a bride.

is on.

Taking Charge of the Affair.

speed in running, and his strength and

grace in swimming, in throwing the

surf board, until, with a grand cre-

scendo it reaches the climax of his

poisonous cel. With this the singers

spring to their feet and the hula dance

Now the chant becomes a refrain,

swelling and sinking, falling and ris-

ing, accompanied always by the rat-

tling of the pebbles, male and female,

in the hula gourds. In perfect, un-

vised for that purpose they whirl their

mic measures to the chant and the rat-

At last, through the kahuna, the

gods interpose. At a signal from the

kahuna the dancers recede and form

round they dance, breaking and re-

forming the circles, changing and in-

terchanging. Now, for the young chief

kahuna lifts his hand, the young chief

takes a backward step, closes his eyes

The Arrow of Chance.

row wings its way among the dancers.

to fall at the feet of the most beautiful.

the most desirable of the virgins. The

The dancing and the chanting have

ceased with the fall of the arrow. The

young chief opens his eyes, but he

does not know their choice.

cennot see the arrow.

With swift, meering instinct the ar-

and lets fly an arrow from his bow.

the gods will choose his bride.

a circle within a circle. Round and

tle of the hula gourds.

born in the olden days.

ARRIAGE among Hawatians, straightway the hiding arrow, from its especially those of high rank, place at the virgin's feet, answers, in has always been attended a clear voice: by more or less ceremony, "Ne! Ne!" writes a Honolulu correspon-

With this, the other maidens step dent of the New York Evening Post. back and-her young beauty all shim-The wedding festivities of a high-born mering in the sun-the heaven chosen maiden on the island of Hawaii last stands revealed to him who has come summer continued without pause for seeking his bride.

four days and nights. Nearly all the In the background a soft voice native population of the big island en- speaks of the glories of the chosen joyed, in one way of another, this one. Another takes up the theme and great feast with its outdoor sports and from lip to lip the song is carried till games, but I doubt whether-in spite all the voices blend in one sweet caof the modern education and elegance dence that swings softly up and down, of the lovely bride, in spite of the up and down, with the softly swaying wealth and magnificence of her family | bodies of the chanters. Of her beauty they sing, of her grace in dancing the waiian mind, a marriage of the high bula and her wonderful skill in the lomilomi (massaging), Presently, keep-Before the coming of the haole ing time to the rattle of her own hula (white man) to these sun blest isles, gourd, the bride-to-be begins to dance when a high chief wished to take unto With slim, brown body lightly poised himself a wife he would have gathered and dainty feet quiescent, she dances together from among his people a the marriage dance, the muscles under group of the most attractive maidens. her glowing skin rippling like tiny Smooth and straight of limb were waves in a sunlit pool. That is the these maidens, glossy haired, with the young man's signal. With a cry of gold of the tropical sun glistening in "Thou art mine, O beloved; thencethe ruddy bronze of their satiny skins. forth thou shalt dance for me alone None among them was there who was in my hut-for me and none other!' not desirable. But the young chief he seizes the maiden in his arms and must not choose too hastily, for upon bears her away with him through the

his wahine (woman) depended in a forest. Then begin the preparations for the people, the line of royalty in Hawaii wedding. A great luau, or feast, must descending then as now, through the be made-called the luau or ohaainamaternal side of the house. There male (wedding feast). Some go to fore, the young chief must look well sea to bring back fish that are of fine flavor and good omen. Others bring Sometimes, in his perplexity, he fatted pigs, fatted pups, kalo already would call to his assistance a kahuna | made into the delicious poi, and sugar (medicine man), who would invoke the cane. Awa, too, must be procured, aid of the gods in the momentous se- and well born men and maidens with lection to be made. Then were things clean, strong teeth must be found, for simplified for him. He no longer had be it known that the awa root must any will in the matter, but became the be chewed in the mouth until it is soft and pulplike, placed then in a kao bowl, water poured over it, and then Upon the kahuna fell the duty of strained, to make the liquor for the taking temporal charge of the affair. chaaina-male, otherwise the feast

At a signal from him the virgins, each would lack good cheer. Then the drum man with his tv with her hula gourd in which were pebbles male and female, would squat drums appears. The drums, a small in line before the young chief. With one and a larger one, are made of the right arm holding the hula gourd ex- hollowed sections of cocoanut trees. with the hollowed end covered with tended they begin, with low moaning, shark skin drawn taut and fastened to chant the life story of him who with thongs. With a drum on either Louder and stronger swells the side of him, the drummer beats with chant as the singers go on to tell of his fingers, so that those hearing him the young chief's beauty as a child, of catch the drummed-out words: "Hoao how his mother loved him, of his na 'lii e! (The chiefs are married!)"

With a shout the words are taken up by all who are near, and in from their discus, and in riding the bounding sports-surfboard riding, racing, arrow shooting, dancing, swimming, discusthrowing, wrestling-come the wedtriumph over the great shark, or the ding guests, and out from his but comes the young chief, with his slim brown wahine. The bridegroom and his lady touch noses. All the high chiefs among the guests touch noses. Then an old chief, bearing a wonderful piece of tapa cloth, comes forward. The wedding pair face each other, and the old chief throws the tapa over them both.

broken rhythm the virgins dance, now Four times four prayers the kahuna twirling the rattling gourds over their utters-being four to the gods of the heads, now striking their palms toair, four to the gods of the sea, four to gether four times, or kneeling to the gods of marriage and four to the thump four times on the mat at their From their birth they have gods of birth. All the high chiefs and the people again join noses. From been trained to do this dance. With every throat present swells forth four joints made supple by exercises detimes, in a triumphant chant: "Hoac loins here, there, the muscles under na 'lii e! Hoac na 'lii e! Hoac na 'lii e! Hoao na 'lil e!" their shining skins moving in rhyth-

"The chiefs are married," and the guests sit down with them to the wedding feast.

Religions of the World,

So far from it being true that the Christians "outnumber all other religions combined," It is a fact that they are not near so strong, numerically speaking, as some of the other forms of faith. There are, of all varieties, about 400,000,000 of Chris tians in the world. The Buddhists number 500,000,000, the Mohammedans 300,000,000, the Confusions 100,000,000 Hindoos 200,000,000, leaving about a million savages or semi-divilized whose theological opinions, if they have any, it would be difficult to gods have chosen-but as yet the chief classify.

Easy Marks.

Some men braven't any more caution when they happen to get a little money, than to show it to the family "Pua Ne! Pua Ne!" he calls, and -New York Press.